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1. EMBASSY SENT DIPLMATIC NOTE TO MEA ON JUNE 27 COVERING POINTS IN REF (A) AND URGING THAT SUGGESTED ACTION BE TAKEN BEFORE INTELSAT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING.
 2. WE ARE INFORMED THIS MORNING, JULY 4, THAT SUGGESTED ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN. MEA SENT TELEGRAM TO WASHINGTON ON JULY 1 NAMING NIGERIAN EXTERNAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD. (NET) AS SOLE DESIGNATED SIGNATORY FOR INTELSAT, AND HAS INSTRUCTED NET TO SEND TELEGRAM AUTHORIZING NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON TO SIGN OPERATING AGREEMENT ON ITS BEHALF.
 3. MEA THANKS US FOR TIMELY SUGGESTIONS PAVING WAY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING. HAS ALSO TAKEN NOTE THAT MEETING IS BEING HELD JULY 9 RATHER THAN JULY 6. IF ANY FURTHER SNAGS COME UP AT WASHINGTON END, WE THINK WE CAN OBTAIN RAPID CORRECTIVE ACTION FROM MEA, WHICH SEEMS WELL-MOBILIZED ON THIS ISSUE.
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